

Town of Stafford  
Economic Development Commission  
Veterans Room  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

RECEIVED  
STAFFORD, CT

2022 SEP 28 AM 9:24

**Members Present:** John Wittenzellner, Sharon Pelkey, Tony Armelin, Scott Nigro, Larry McKinney, Mark Ingram, Teresa Cramer, Christopher Joseph

**Members Absent:** Chris Paradiso

**Also Present:** First Selectman Sal Titus

*Sharon Pelkey*  
- 2 pages  
TOWN CLERK

**Minutes:**

I. Meeting called to order by Sharon Pelkey at 6:36 pm, a quorum was established.

- Motion made by Tony Armelin, seconded by Mark Ingram to name Sharon Pelkey as Acting Co-Chairperson in Chris Paradiso's absence. Vote was unanimous.
- Motion made by Tony Armelin, seconded by Larry McKinney to accept the minutes from July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vote was unanimous.

**A. Discussion with Dave Perkins concerning the Plan of Conservation and Development**

- Dave discussed the Plan of Conservation and Development as well as potential plans for the Witt School after clean-up. Dave discussed the public hearing being held Thursday night, September 29<sup>th</sup> for a vote on the Plan of Conservation. Dave passed out the plan to the committee members and referenced page 42 that discusses the Economic Development Committee. An informational discussion was held regarding the 60,000 square foot cap on retail being eliminated and replaced with a coverage ratio. Dave handed out a map that represented the total population within 25-mile radius. First Selectman Titus will share with the committee via email, Don Pullen's report before the next meeting so the committee can review and discuss it. The Pullen Report will be added to next month's meeting agenda for discussion.

**B. Town marketing package and website**

- First Selectman Titus confirmed that work is being done on the website to help market Stafford and Amber is working on creating a marketing package.

**C. Stafford Brownfields Initiative**

- Dave Perkins briefly went over the plan for the \$650,000 EPA Brownfields grant for cleanup activities at the Witt School. He discussed the different scenarios as noted in the previous meeting minutes. Clean-up could take up to two years. Dave will keep the committee updated on the progress.

**D. Joint Business Meet & Greet with Stafford Rotary**

- Scott Nigro will reach out to the Rotary to ask them to attend the next meeting so a discussion can be held regarding collaborating on this event.

**E. Job Fair**

- John Wittenzeller suggested that the committee discuss holding this kind of event in partnership with the Rotary. This will be discussed at the next meeting when the Rotary members are in attendance.

**F. Tax incentive Ordinance Adoption**

- Tabled

**G. Meeting Schedule for 2022**

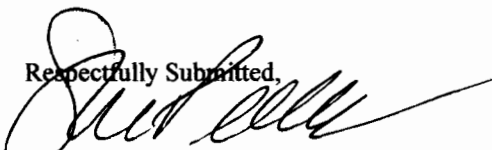
- The remaining meetings will fall under the “Special Meeting” format. The dates of the upcoming meetings are tentatively set for: October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>. At the October meeting there will be a discussion on potential “Regular” meeting dates for 2023.

**H. Discussion of potential new business to town**

- The committee discussed taking a step back until the marketing package and website are finalized. In the interim, John Wittenzellner is looking into obtaining a list of franchises and business to attract to Stafford. The group would like to discuss having someone act as an “Ambassador” when new businesses are entertaining the idea of moving to Stafford.

II. John Wittenzellner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry McKinney. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Pelkey, Recording Secretary